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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENTARY ON MARCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEETING CONTINUES

SUMMARY: MAJOR THREE-COLUMN EDITORIAL BY SZAMOSI KAROLY
IN APRIL 14 EDITION NEPSZABADSAG FURTHER EXTENDS
ANALYSIS OF RECENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING DECISIONS
PROVIDING MORE DETAIL RE ISSUES INVOLVED. SPECIFICS
IMPLY THAT ENTERPRISE MANAGERS WERE VERY MUCH UNDER
CRITICISM, THAT NYERS SUPPORTERS USED LABELS QUOTE
ANTI-REFORMISTS UNQUOTE AGAINST THEIR ARGUMENTS, AND
THAT THERE ALSO WERE FORCES WHO WANTED TO CHANGE
FORM OF THE NEM ITSELF. EDITORIAL IS FURTHER EVIDENCE
THAT FINAL BALANCE OF FORCES UNLIKELY TO BE STRUCK
BEFORE NEXT PARTY CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

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1. EDITORIAL OPENS BY STRESSING THAT FUNDAMENTAL

POLICY OF HSWP CONTINUES UNCHANGED: NAMELY, THAT WORK OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION MEANS PROGRESS HAND IN HAND WITH ELEVATION OF STANDARD OF LIVING OF MASSES. THIS POLICY, SAYS WRITER, HAS BEEN FOLLOWED SINCE 1956 CONSISTENTLY, UNINTERRUPTEDLY, WITHOUT ZIGZAGS, WITHIN STRICT OBSERVANCE OF LEGALITY AND WITH APPROVAL AND CONTINUED REFINEMENTS OF FOUR PARTY CONGRESSES AND SEVERAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

2. REGARDING NEM, SZAMOSI STATES, EXPERIENCES OF PAST SIX YEARS HAVE MORE THAN MET PARTY'S EXPECTATIONS IN EVERY REGARD AND THAT SYSTEM HAS STOOD TEST OF LIFE BECOMING EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION.

3. NEVERTHELESS, SZAMOSI CONTINUES, SOME NEGATIVE TENDENCIES HAVE BECOME MANIFEST: (A) EXAGGERATED PRIORITY GIVEN TO SPECIAL INTERESTS (WE ASSUME THIS TO MEAN ENTERPRISE MANAGERS) AND THEIR DEFENSE AT EXPENSE OF INTERESTS OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. (B) STRENGEHENING OF MATERIALISTIC OUTLOOK, (C) EXAGGERATED CONCENTRATION ON PROFITS AND DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES THEREOF, AND (D) CERTAIN FAULTS IN ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AND PERMISSIVENESS EXPRESSED WITH REGARD TO THEM.

4. COMMENTING ON THESE PROBLEMS, SZAMOSI SAYS THAT THEY KWERE NOT ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE RECOGNIZED AND THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE WHO WOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THEM WERE ACCUSED OF BEING QUOTE ANTI-REFORMIST UNQUOTE, WHEN INREALITY NO MAJOR SOCIAL QUESTION CAN BE CONSIDERED RESOLVED AND CLOSED ONCE AND FOR ALL. THERE ARE ALSOS PERSONS, SZAMOSI SAYS, WHO IN CASE OF NEM OBSTRUCT SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO SUCH PROBLEMS.

5. SZAMOSI REFERS TO TWO EXTREMES, BOTH UNDESIRABLE, CONCERNING NEM: ONE EXAGGERATES ALL NEGATIVE FEATURES AND THUS WISHES TO ALTER TOO MUCH, INCLUDING THOSE PARTS WHICH FUNCTION WELL; OTHERS WHEN FACED WITH NEWLY ARISING PROBLEMS REFUSE TO DISCUSS THEM ON PRETEXT THAT EVERYTHING IS IN PERFECT ORDER. WRITER CONCLUDES THAT NEM IS NOT IN DANGER FROM PLANNED STEPS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO IMPROVE ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND STATES THAT IT IS SEARCH FOR NEEDED NEW SOLUTIONS WHICH TRULY DEFENDS REFORMS, EVEN AGAINST THOSE WHO WISH TO BLAME NEM AS A WHOLE AND NOT ISILATED PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, FOR ONE OR ANOTHER DIFFICULTY WHICH HAS ARISEN.

6. COMMENT: THIS WAS FIRST PRESS COMMENT WE HAVE SEEN AGAINST QUOTE THOSE UNQUOTE WHO WISH TO BLAME

NEM AS A WHOLE. WHETHER INTRODUCED AS BALANCE FOR CRITICISM OF NYERS VIEW OR NOT, IT INDICATES SENSITIVITY ON THAT SIDE OF ISSUE ALSO.

7. SECONF HALF OF ARTICLE DISCUSSES QUESTION OF WORKER-FARMER ALLIANCE DEFENDING RESULTS OF HSWP POLICIES WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF PEASANT LIVING CONDITIONS. WRITER STATES THAT ANYONE QUESTIONING RIGHTFULNESS OF SUPPORT OF EXTENDED AGRICULTURAL SECTOR FOLLOWS INCORRECT POINT OF VIEW. RECOGNIZING IMPLICITY THAT RAPID PROGRESS IN PEASANT SECTOR HAS CREATED SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, SZAMOSI STATES THAT SOME PEOPLE WHO WHIH TO CORRECT SUCH IMBALANCES ARE ERRONEOUSLY LABELED AS QUOTE PEASANT-AGRICULTURAL ENEMIES UNQUOTE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT WORKER-PEASANT ALLIANCE IS FUNDAMENTAL CORNERSTONE OF HWSP POLICY AND THAT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OCCURING IN ASSURING BALANCES PROGRESS OF TWO SECTORS REQUIRE REGULAR AND ROUTINE REVISION OF POLICIES JUST LIKE IN CASE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH NEM AND WILL RECEIVE ATTENTION AS PREPARATIONS PROCEED FOR THE ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS.

8. COMMENT: WE VIEW THIS AS FURTHER EFFORT TO MOLLIFY AGRICULTURAL FORCES, WHO WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE PROMINENTLY ON LEADERSHIP MINDS WAS HOWN TO US MOST RECENTLY BY DEPUTY PM HUSZAR WHEN HE DISCUSSED PROBLEM AT SOME LENGTH IN RECENT TALK WITH ZARB AND AMBASSADOR. PEDERSEN

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